



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Joshua P. Styron

Serial No.: 10/707,751                      Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Filed: 01/09/2004                      EXAMINER: To Be Assigned

For: VARIABLE COMPRESSION RATIO CONNECTING ROD FOR  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Docket No.: 81044503

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-11450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.115**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.



PTO/SB/21 (08-03)

Approved for use through 08/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL  
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Application Number	10/707,751
Filing Date	JANUARY 9, 2004
First Named Inventor	JOSHUA P. STYRON
Art Unit	TO BE ASSIGNED
Examiner Name	TO BE ASSIGNED
Attorney Docket Number	81044503

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

**ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance communication to Technology Center (TC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	<b>Remarks</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	Other Enclosure(s): 1. Preliminary Amendment dated 1/9/2004 2. Self-address stamped postcard	

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

Firm or Individual name	JEROME R. DROUILLARD (Reg. # 28,008) DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC
Signature	
Date	JANUARY 9, 2004

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

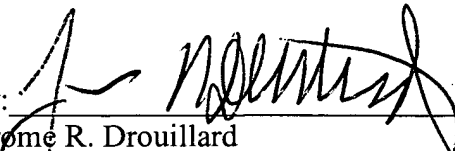
Typed or printed name	DAPHNE POH		
Signature		Date	JANUARY 9, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.




DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC

By:   
Jerome R. Drouillard  
Registration No. 28,008  
2723 South State Street  
Suite 400  
Ann Arbor, MI. 48104  
(734) 214-7670

Dated : January 9, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the enclosed Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daphne Poh